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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRECLEARANCE AND AIR ROUTES.

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1. MEDIA COVERAGE OF PRECLEARANCE IS NOW EXTENSIVE AND
LARGELY BASED ON HAND- OUTS FROM AIR CANADA. WE PLAN TO FURNISH
SAMPLING OF PRESS ARTICLES TO DEPARTMENT' S REPRESENTATIVE
AT TORONTO MEETING APRIL 5.

2. TRANSPORT MINISTER MARCHAND HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING
THAT ISSUE OF PRE- FLIGHT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE WILL BECOME PART OF
CANADIAN- US NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT AND THAT
HE IS DETERMINED TO SEE THAT PASSENGERS FLYING FROM CANADA
TO US ON US CARRIERS GET NO ADVANTAGE OVER AIR CANADA PASSENGERS
AS FAR AS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE IS CONCERNED.

3. PREMIER DAVIS OF ONTARIO HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO PRIME
MINISTER URGING GOC TO RECONSIDER AIR CANADA' S DECISION TO END
PRECLEARANCE ON GROUNDS SUCH ACTION SEEMS CERTAIN TO LEAD TO
SIGNIFICANT INCONVENIENCE AND UNNECESSARY DELAYS TO
TRAVELERS.

4. AIR CANADA HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO INTRODUCE SERIES OF
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THROUGH- FLIGHTS TO US VIA TORONTO AND MONTREAL NEXT JULY.
FIRST WOULD BE OTTAWA - TORONTO- CHICAGO, FOLLOWED BY OTTAWA-
MONTREAL- NEW YORK, QUEBEC- MONTREAL- NEW YORK, AND WINNIPEG-
TORONTO- NEW YORK. GROUND TIME AT TORONTO AND MONTREAL WOULD
RANGE FROM 20 TO 30 MINUTES, COMPARED TO THE PRESENT 1 1/2
HOURS. AIR CANADA ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WOULD INTRODUCE WIDE- BODIED
TRISTAR ON ROUTES MONTREAL- TORONTO- MIAMI AND MONTREAL- TORONTO-
LOS ANGELES.
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